Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12th 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of August 19th

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Theme: God's power among us gives us strength.

Question for Adults: Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?

Question for Youth: We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Monday, August 13th

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Peace for Diane Clarke
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Tuesday, August 14th

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Whole Community Catechesis Core Team Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Catechism for Adults

Wednesday, August 15th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

1 Samuel 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Cecilia Keller*
Blood: *Mary & Dean Antonsen*
Lectors: *Doris Hume & Donna Boner*
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Joe Schulte, Celena Sass, David Strand*
Blood: *Bob Sass, Stephanie Strand, Kathy VanAsma, Jerry Silbernagel*
Body: *Ken VanAsma*
Lectors: *Bridgette Fode, Carrie Baker*
Sacristans: *Ken & Kathy VanAsma*
Ushers: *Steve & Sue Colgan*

Thursday, August 16th

Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21–19:1

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Charles Blaha
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
5:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, August 17th

Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For Pam and Adam on their wedding day
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
6:00 p.m. – Wedding

Saturday, August 18th

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy with Adoration
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Catechism for Adults
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Don Barbour
Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: Suzanne Wilhelmi
Altar Servers: Bethany, Hannah & Elijah Ehresmann
Blood: Reggie & Jayme Hunt, Jan Schurman, Carol Conway
Body: Diane Clarke
Lectors: Sarah Cresalia, Christopher Jensen
Sacristans: Charlie & Patty Cresalia
Ushers: Kevin Conway, Jami Korton
Choir: Folk Group

Sunday, August 19th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Joe & Rose Weber
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Korry & Brett Beyer, Shannon Wilson*
Blood: *Gary & Barb Erickson, Beth-Anne Ferley, Kathy Amiotte*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Kathy Amiotte, Reeny Wilson*
Sacristans: *Gary & Barb Erickson*
Ushers: *Frank Boner, Marc Jacobs*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*
10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Parish Community
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Jacqui Osnes, Tyler Corbine, Mary Pulaski*
Blood: *Joni Osnes, Jim & Barb Scherr, Bernadette Usera*
Body: *John Usera*
Lectors: *Jim Pulaski , Michelle Bucholz*
Sacristans: *The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Family Choir*
7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Congratulations to Billie & Paul Inman on the Baptism of baby Abigail!

Sparks from Father Mark

Last week in my preaching I mentioned that, come this fall, our parish community will see faith formation in a new light. Our traditional classroom model of faith formation will give way to a *whole community catechesis* model of faith formation. This means that, for the most part, instead of attending weekly faith formation classes, our children and young people will meet once a month with their families and the rest of the parish community. This new model of faith formation will help parents take a greater responsibility for sharing and witnessing their Catholic faith to their children.

This coming Tuesday evening our whole community catechesis core team will meet to continue to move this vision forward. Below is a list of our core team members and their phone numbers. Please take the opportunity to visit with them about this new direction, being mindful that we do not have all the answers, but are ourselves walking through this new model of faith formation as well.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Whole Community Catechesis Core Team Members

Diane Clarke (787-4545)
Brenda Czmowski (787-7907)
Gina Czmowski (787-7907)
Sally Graham (718-5798)
Teresa Gray (343-5057)
Bonnie Hoff (787-6395)
Curt Lauinger & Dannie Dosch (718-0747)
Rebeca Lyle (787-6536)
Denise McCormick (348-8366)
Fr. Mark McCormick (787-5168)
Jacqueline Osnes (787-5862)
Lorraine Ptacek (716-9239)
Greg Sass (348-2213)
Sr. Joan Tetrault (787-5168)
Teresa Thompson (787-4231)
Betsy VanAsma (716-9299)
Mark Weischaar (390-0720)
Joyce Williamson (787-7075)
Marty Quinn (787-6453)

Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Stan and Helen Barber, Mary Jane Pulaski, Doug Wittenhagen, Darren Eckstein, Father Dick McCaslin
Repose: Faith Albrecht, Philip Clarke, Don Barbour, Beatrice Usera

Catechism for Adults

Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00 we will study chapter 29, and Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 we will study chapter 30. For more information, please call Kathy VanAsma, 787-6218.

Stewardship

August 4th and 5th

Loose	$1,506.31
Envelopes	$1,883.00
Votive	$2.00
Student	$65.56
Guatemala Coffee	$88.00
Directories	$190.00
Building Fund	$535.00
Total	$4,269.87

Renovation Pledges

May 1st 2005 to April 30th 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total Received - $120,776.22

Calling All Cooks!
Get Your Recipes Ready!

Our Lady of the Black Hills will soon be putting together a church cookbook for a fundraiser. So gather up those recipes for your family favorites and watch for more details to come! The cookbooks will be ready in time to use for Christmas gifts!

Update on the OLBH Library

From Mary in the Library

August 14 is the feast day of Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe. The OLBH Library now has three resources which will provide more information for you to learn about this inspiring Franciscan priest. Look for two books in the biography section, which is designated 921, or read a brief account of his life in *Ten Christians*, which is located in 920.

Father Maximillian lived in Poland where he developed his skills as a writer. In spite of his poor health due to tuberculosis, he published several magazines which had wide circulation throughout Europe. He inspired those around him to be dedicated to the Virgin Mary and emphasized that all progress in life is spiritual or it is not progress. Because of his widely published beliefs contrary to the Nazi philosophy, he was eventually imprisoned at Auschwitz during World War II with other priests in his community. He volunteered to take another man's place to die when reprisals were made to those imprisoned after one man escaped. He was killed in 1941.

Teens! Don't Miss TEC Weekend!

A Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend is three days of evangelization and initiation into the Paschal Mystery. During a TEC weekend, young people become part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community, and experience the friendship of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity for young people to learn that they are not alone as they move into adulthood. A TEC weekend will be held at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City September 1-3. For more information or to register, contact Teresa or Brian Spiess at 721-3052, or Susan Thompson at 343-3541. Registration information is also available on the youth page of the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Guatemalan Coffee for Sale!
Located in the Gathering Area
Whole Bean or Ground
$9.00 per bag
All proceeds will be for continuing mission work in Guatemala.

Attention College Students!

Student loans are now available through the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Brad Ehresmann at 787-9302 for application requirements and forms.

Rapid City Right to Life Seeks Volunteers for Central States Fair

Volunteers are needed to staff the Rapid City Right to Life booth at the Central States Fair. The fair runs August 17-25 and the booth hours are noon to 8:00 p.m. Church youth groups are encouraged to help, but will need an adult supervisor. Youth volunteers are also needed to represent Right to Life in the Central States Fair parade on Saturday, August 18. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Don Rausch at 342-9101 or rc_rtl@yahoo.com.

Separated & Divorced Support Group "Encountering Life Alone"

This nine-week support group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The group is inter-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Registration fee is $25.00. Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to pre-register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

Bereavement Support Group "Heal Your Grief"

This is an eight-week inter-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24th** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples who are planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City. It will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, August 25th at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City**. The seminar may also be an enriching learning experience for married couples or anyone wanting to know more about natural family planning. For more information, or to register for the August seminar, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

Broom Tree Silent Retreats

The Diocese of Sioux Falls invites all men and women to experience a personal encounter with God through communal prayer, inspirational talks, silence and solitude, and sacramental grace. A silent retreat brings renewal for the body, mind and spirit. Silent retreats for women are scheduled for August. 9-12, September 6-9, and October 11-14. A men's retreat is scheduled for September 13-16. The Broom Tree Retreat Center is located in Irene, SD. Please contact Lori at 988.3708 or at www.broom-tree.org.

Senior Citizen Center Craft Fair

Senior Citizens are planning a craft fair for October at the Piedmont Senior Citizen Center. If you are interested in a table, please call George or Dee Miller at 787-9019 before August 15th.

STM Position Available

St. Thomas More High School is seeking a full-time Director of Alumni Relations / Assistant Director of Development. Send resume and cover letter by 8/15/07 to Dave Hollenbeck, St. Thomas More High School, 300 Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City SD 57701.

Faithful Citizenship

Sunday August 12th

During the Year of the Eucharist, October 2004 to October 2005, many initiatives were undertaken by dioceses and various ecclesial groups in order to reawaken and increase Eucharistic faith, to improve the quality of Eucharistic celebration, to promote Eucharistic adoration, and to encourage a practical solidarity, which, starting from the Eucharist, would reach out to those in need.
Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS: The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission, Benedict XVI., February 2007., 4. www.vatican.va/ (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home

Sunday, August 12th

Scripture

That night was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. (Wisdom 18:6)

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. (Psalm 33:20-22)

So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. (Hebrews 11:12)

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (Luke 12:40)

Reflection

How is your faith like Abraham's faith? How are you prepared for the advice from Luke's gospel? How was the Passover evidence of the gift of faith bestowed on the Israelites? Have you ever prayed Psalm 33?

God takes care of the affairs of those who truly love him without their having to be anxious about them. Let your soul cling to nothing, and if you continue to pray, God will take care of your other concerns. This I find to be true, for the more things I have, and the more I put my heart and soul into them, the more anxious I find myself over them. O Great God of love! How wonderfully you give your riches to them who love you and take pleasure in nothing apart from you. You give of yourself to them and make them one with you through love. (St. John of the Cross)